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NEW DELHI—American Robert Lee and 18 Pakistani nationals arrested in Afghanistan during last February's anti-Soviet demonstrations have been released, according to travelers arriving here from the Afghan capital.

Meanwhile, an Afghan rebel group claimed that its forces had seized the city of Herat near the Iranian border, but other reports said heavy fighting was raging outside the city between rebels and Soviet troops.